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SUBJECT: PRG PRESS CONFERENCE, MARCH 13, 1973

1. SUMMARY: IN PRESS CONFERENCE AFTERNOON MARCH 13, PRG SPOKESMAN LY VAN SAU EXPOUNDED AT LENGTH ON ALLEGED GVN VIOLATIONS OF ACCORD AND PROTOCOLS, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON QUESTION OF CIVILIAN DETAINEES. HE SAID THAT PRG WOULD BRING SERIOUS ATTITUDE TO GVN- PRG POLITICAL TALKS, BUT INDICATED THAT A FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS THERE WOULD BE TO PROTEST GVN CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. SAU DECRIED ALLEGED GVN OFFENSIVE ACTIVITY, WITH U. S. ADVICE AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT, AGAINST PRG ZONES, MANING ATTACK ON DUC PHO PRISONER RELEASE SITE AS EXAMPLE. HE THEN LAUNCHED INTO LONG DISCOURSE ON SUBJECT OF CIVILIAN POLITICAL DETAINEES, DEMANDING, INTER ALIA, THAT GVN STOP MISTREATING PRISONERS, ALLOW RED CROSS AND ICCS VISITS TO ALL DETENTION CAMPS, DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF ACCORD TO ALL PRISONERS, BEGIN RELEASEES WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY, AND CEASE " ELIMINATING" PRISONERS AND OTHER POLITICAL ADVERSARIES.

3. ASKED WHETHER THESE COMPLAINTS WOULD BE RAISED WITH GVN IN BIPARTITE TALKS TO BEGIN MARCH 19, SAU SAID THAT THEY WOULD BE, SINCE " ALL PROVISIONS OF ACCORD ARE INTER- RELATED" AND MISTREAT- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MENT OF PRISONERS IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

4. SAU STATED THAT PRG WOULD BRING "SERIOUS AND SINCERE" ATTITUDE TO BIPARTITE TALKS, AND WOULD WORK FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF NCNRC. PRG SINCERITY, HE ADDED, WAS SHOWN IN THIER AGREEING TO LA CELLE- ST. CLOUD AS VENUE FOR TALKS AFTER GVN HAD MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET IN SAIGON AND HAD REJECTED NUMEROUS MORE CONVENIENT PARISIAN SITES SUGGESTED BY PRG.

5. ASKED WHY PRG DELEGATION SEEMED TO BE OF GENERALLY LOWER RANK THAN GVN DEL, SAU EXTOLLED RECORD OF NGUYEN VAN HIEU, SAID THAT AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE RATHER THAN RANK IS WHAT COUNTS, AND ADDED, RATHER DEFENSIVELY, THAT PRG WOULD SOON RELEASE NAMES OF ADDITIONAL "COUNSERLORS" OF DELEGATIONS. (DELEGATION LIST AS GIVEN TO NEWSMEN TODAY INCLUDED ONLY FIVE NAMES: NGUYEN VAN HEIU, DINH BA THI, MRS. NHUYEN THI CHON, SAU, AND NGUYEN PHONG VINH.)

6. IN ANSWER TO OTHER QUESTIONS SAU SAID THAT NO FORMAL AGENDA HAD BEEN SET FOR TWO- PARTY TALKS, FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS WOULD DEPEND ON "GOOD WILL" SHOWN BY GVN, AND PRESS WOULD BE BRIEFED AT MAJESTIC HOTEL ON FAIRLY REGUALR BASIS.

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